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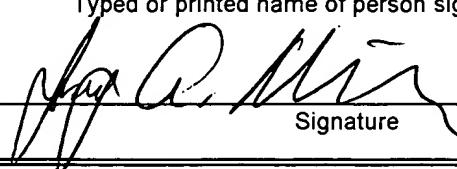


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APPENDIX

During the course of preparation of the above patent application, the above representative inquired as to any known relevant art that should be submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement. In addition to the items submitted herewith, the inventor indicated that the references listed as 1-7 constituted useful background information which he had studied. These documents, in general, are technical specifications or text books related to various aspects of television Set-top Boxes, the OpenCable standard, encryption, data compression, PCMCIA, Interfaces, copy protection schemes, etc. In determining how and whether to submit these documents in an IDS, it was quickly determined that the information constituted literally thousands of pages of text. Most of the text is believed irrelevant to the invention and that which is relevant is believed only peripherally relevant, for example, as standards for guidance in implementation. The "OpenCable™ Architecture" excerpt provided herewith is believed to constitute an adequate summary of much of this information which might prove useful for understanding the present invention (and was the only reference used by the above representative in preparation of the application).

In the interest of full disclosure, the above representative wishes to bring this information to the attention of the patent Examiner, even though he has not actually reviewed this information himself. The above representative will gladly obtain copies of any or all of this information if the Examiner wishes to examine it himself. Further information on the availability of this information is supplied below (information believed accurate, but has not been verified by the above representative) in the event the Examiner wishes to inspect it:

1- SCTE-DVS064 Part B, DVS-131-can be downloaded from ftp://ftp.cablelabs.com/pub/scte/dvs/pdf/
2- PC Card Standard 7.4 - can be downloaded from http://www.pc-card.com/
3- PCMCIA System Architecture, Don Anderson, Addison-Wesley Pub., ISBN 0201409917 - text book that can be obtained from the publisher
4- OpenCable HOST-POD Interface Specification - can be downloaded from http://www.scmicrosystems.com/dvb/pod.html
5- OpenCable POD Copy Protection System - can be downloaded from http://www.scmicrosystems.com/dvb/pod.html
6- Applied Cryptography, Bruce Schneier, John Wiley and Sons, ISBN 0-471-11709-9 - text book that can be obtained from the publisher
7- ISO-IEC 13818 International Standard for the Transport of Compressed Digital Media (MPEG) - available from the International Standards Organization

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	5,715,354	Feb. 3, 1998	Iwamura		Jul. 11, 1995

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
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OTHER DOCUMENTS/CITATIONS	
	OpenCable™ Architecture, Michael Adams, Cisco Press, 2000, pp. 380-400
	SEE APPENDIX FOR NOTES REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:
	1- SCTE-DVS064 Part B, DVS-131
	2- PC Card Standard 7.4
	3- PCMCIA System Architecture, Don Anderson, Addison-Wesley Pub., ISBN 0201409917
	4- OpenCable HOST-POD Interface Specification
	5- OpenCable POD Copy Protection System
	6- Applied Cryptography, Burce Schneier, John Wiley and Sons, ISBN 0-471-11709-9
	7- ISO-IEC 13818 International Standard for the Transport of Compressed Digital Media (MPEG)
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